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SUBJ: SENEGALESE POSITION ON PAN AFRICAN LABOR UNITY CONFERENCE

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1. IN OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON SENEGALESE WALKOUT FROM OATUU FOUNDING CONGRESS (REFTEL PARA 5), UPS NATIONAL COUNCIL AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE, MEETING MARCH 23, ENDORSED BY RESOLUTION EXPLANATION OFFERED BY DOUDOU N' GOM, PRESIDENT OF CNTS LABOR FEDERATION (AND ALSO MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION). UPS NATIONAL COUNCIL/ CENTRAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION DEPLORES " MANEUVERS OF ENEMIES OF AFRICA"; REGRETE

THAT " EMBASSIES AND ORGANIZATIONS WERE ABLE TO DISTRIBUTE CHECKS, OFFER DINNERS, AND EVEN FORM BUREAUS OF NEW ORGANIZATION";

APPROVES

POSITION OF CNTS DELEGATION AT CONGRESS, IE SENEGALESE WALKOUT, AS MATTER OF PRINCIPLE; CONGRATULATES ALL DELEGATIONS WHICH DID NOT AGREE TO " COMPROMISE WITH POWER OF MONEY"; CONDEMSN INTERFERENCE AND MANEUVERS OF " FOREIGN POWERS" WHICH HAVE SINGLE OB-
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JECTIVE OF " SABOTAGE FROM WITH" OF NEW ORGANIZATION; AND DEMANDS THAT SENEGALESE GOVERNMENT NOT RECOGNIZE NEW ORGANIZATION AS " UN-REPRESENTATIVE OF AFRICAN LABOR MOVEMENT".

2. ACCORDING TO HIGHLY PLACED CNTS OFFICIAL, N' GOM SPECIFICALLY NAMED US AND ISRAEL AS " FOREIGN POWERS" INVOLVED IN ABOVE ALLEGATIONS. FURTHERMORE, ACCORDING TO SAME OFFICIAL, N' GOM' S DIATRIBE WAS MERELY EFFORT TO COVER UP FAILURE OF TACTICS FOLLOWED BY SENEGALESE DELEGATION AT ADDIS ABABA, BASED ON CONFUSION, IGNORANCE, AND LACK OF CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS AND WHICH RESULTED IN LOSS OF ANY LEVERAGE TO AFFECT FORM, LOCATION, OR PERSONNEL OF NEW ORGANIZATION.

ADDING TO IMPRESSION OF CONFUSION ON SENEGALESE PART (IN NIEW FACT ADDIS ABABA CONGRESS ULTIMATELY ENDORSED DISAFFILIATION IN FINAL COMPROMISE) IS N' GOM' Q RECENTLY EXPRESSED POSITION IN FAVOR OF DISAFFILIATION, WHICH IS MAJOR THEME OF N' GOM INTERVIEW PRINTED IN LE SOLEIL APRIL 21. RECORD OF SENEGALESE DELEGATION AT ADDIS (WHICH ACTUALLY LED, WE UNDERSTAND, BY BASSIROU GUEYE, CNTS CO-SECRETARY GENERAL FOR EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS) NOT LIKELY TO ENHANCE N' GOM' S REPUTATION IN PARTY, GOVERNMENT, OR TRADE UNION CIRCLES. CLARK

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